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February 7, 2008

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Philip L. Browning, Director
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Dr. Bruce A. Chernof, MD, Director and Chief Medical Officer
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**SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON THE MEDICAL FIELD TRAINING FOR
CalWORKs PARTICIPANTS (BOARD ORDER #74B – MARCH 7, 2006)**

This is to provide you with the fourth status report on the Medical Field Training Program for CalWORKs participants.

Pursuant to your Board's instructions on March 7, 2006, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) continues to work in concert with the Department of Health Services (DHS), the Los Angeles Community College District, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and the Los Angeles County Office of Education to create customized programs in the medical field for CalWORKs participants that will lead to employment within DHS.

In the August 2007 report, we indicated that 44 participants had initiated the Certified Nursing Attendant (CNA) job application process with DHS. Nine of the 44 applicants are now employed at the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center. The other candidates were unable to successfully complete the examination process.

Although the CNA exam is currently closed, DPSS Job Developers are continuing to contact participants who have completed a CNA training program to be prepared for making more referrals when DHS reopens the exam.

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Four of the nine participants enrolled in the 200-hour Hospital Custodian program completed the training and two of them have already successfully been placed on the DHS Hospital Custodian Certification List. Open enrollment continues for the Hospital Custodian training program, as well as recruitment of suitable participants for the class.

Two additional training programs are being considered for CalWORKs participants: Medical Coders and Ward Unit Clerks. The educators are reviewing the training schedules for these programs, which are targeted to start in the spring of 2008.

We will update your Board in August 2008 with the next semi-annual report.

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